

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments is courteously solicited.

Initially the undersigned would like to thank Examiner Lorengo for the courtesies extended during an oral hearing held with the undersigned on February 26, 2003. During the above noted oral hearing agreement was reached as to how to amend the claims so as how to comply with 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and to define over the prior art of record.

Claim 15 as presented herein, the sole independent claim in the case, defines invisible surface formed between the glass rebate and the at least one gear channel in that a covering layer is applied to the visible surface. The prior art references cited fail to teach, suggest, disclose or render obvious the subject matter of claim 15 as presented herein. The Examiner at the above noted oral hearing, as reflected in the Examiner interview summary record, indicated that the new independent claim presented herein would define over the prior art of record. The Examiner did reserve the right for further search and/or consideration.

In light of the foregoing it is submitted that the instant application is now in condition for allowance and an early indication of same is respectfully requested.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

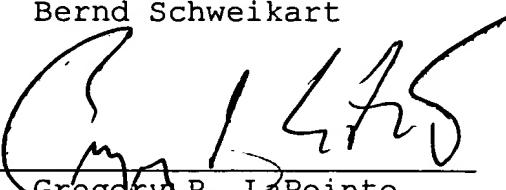
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Version with markings to show changes made to the claims

3. (Amended) [The] A method as claimed in claim [2] 15, wherein the [window section (1) is provided at the visible surfaces (8.1, 8.2) between glass rebate (9) and gear channel (10) with a coating (11) or sheathing, the coating (11) or sheathing especially being] covering layer is adhesively bonded to the [window] section [(1)].

4. (Amended) [The] A method as claimed in claim [2] 15, wherein the covering layer is selected from the group consisting of wood veneer, plastic, foil, [optionally] metal foil [or the like, is used as the coating (11) or sheathing] and mixtures thereof.

5. (Amended) [The] A method as claimed in claim [2] 15, wherein the [coating (11) or sheathing] covering layer is [optionally] varnished.

6. (Amended) [The] A method as claimed in claim [2] 15, wherein the [coating (11) or the sheathing, optionally the varnished coating (11) or sheathing, especially the coated visible surfaces (8.1, 8.2) are] covering layer is provided with a protective film.

7. (Amended) [The] A method as claimed in claim [2] 15, wherein, after the application of the [coating (11) or sheathing to the

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window section (1)] covering layer, the [latter] section is accurately cut to length, especially sawn to length, with a] bevel cut[,] to produce individual window sections [(1)].

8. (Amended) [The] A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein, after individual [sash or frame] window sections [(2, 3)] have been cut to length from the elongate window section [(1)], dovetail grooves are milled into their end surfaces to produce a dovetail connection.

9. (Amended) [The] A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein receiving holes for dowel pins [(13)] are drilled[, especially] at right angles, into [the] an end surface[s] of the [optionally] bevel-cut [sash or frame] individual window sections [(2, 3)].

10. (Amended) [The] A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein connecting elements [(12)] are inserted into the dovetail grooves and dowel pins [(13)] are [hammered into and/or glued] fixed in the drilled holes in [the] an end surface[s for the optionally right-angled connection] of [two] the individual window sections [(1), especially of two sash or frame sections (2, 3)].

11. (Amended) [The] A method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the [connecting elements (12) for connecting two sash or frame sections (2, 3) by their end surfaces are hammered into corresponding,

fitting grooves in the end surfaces, the grooves (5)] holes in the end surfaces are being oriented transversely [or lengthwise] relative to some of the [sash or frame] individual window section [(2, 3)].

12. (Amended) [The] A method as claimed in claim [1] 15, wherein [the] dovetail grooves are milled into [the] an end surface[s] of the [sash or] elongated frame section[s] (2, 3) directly up to in front of the visible surface].

13. (Amended) [The] A method as claimed in claim [5] 16, wherein the [bevel-sawn individual] sash [or] and frame sections [(2, 3)] of the window sections [(1)] are glued together by their end surfaces by means of [the] connecting elements [(12) after a connection has been formed].

14. (Amended) [The] A method as claimed in claim [5] 16, wherein[, after] the [window] elongated section[s] (1) have been] is cut to [length,] lengths to form a frame and a sash and at least two dovetail grooves are milled in [the] an end surface of the frame and at least three dovetail grooves in [the] an end surface of the sash[, transversely to the direction of assembly].